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FALL OF PIEM IN 1963.

5. KY WAS NAMED TO COUNCIL OF NOTABLES IN DECEMBER 1963. WHEN GENERAL NGUYEN KHANH CAME TO POWER IN FEBRUARY 1964 WITH DAI VIET HELP, HE APPOINTED KY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. KY HOPED TO USE THE POST TO STRENGTHEN THE GVN'S POLITICAL GRIP ON THE COUNTRYSIDE AND TO EXTEND PARTY INFLUENCE, BUT KHANH DID NOT TRUST HIM NOR GIVE HIM REAL POWER. DISSATISFIED, KY RESIGNED IN APRIL 1964.

6. FOLLOWING A RIFT WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DAI VIET COLLEAGUE, DR NGUYEN TON HOAN, KY BORKE AWAY AND FORMED THE REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY WITH HIMSELF AS SECRETARY GENERAL. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE PARTY ORGANIZED CAREFULLY. PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL VIET-NAM WHERE THEY STRONGLY OPPOSED THE STRUGGLE MOVEMENT IN SPRING OF 1966. IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS THE PARTY WON ABOUT A HALF-DOZEN SEATS, AND FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IT HELD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LARGEST BLOC IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE RDVP CONTINUES TO ATTEMPT TO EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE OUTSIDE CENTRAL VIET-NAM, PARTICULARLY BY INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT OF LEADING MILITARY MEN AND CIVIL SERVANTS. THE REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY IS STILL A CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION; KY SAYS IT WILL SURFACE WHEN POLITICAL PARTY REGULATIONS ARE WRITTEN BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

7. KY'S RUNNING MATE NGUYEN VAN DINH IS A 58-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF CAN DUOC DISTRICT, LONG AN PROVINCE, JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE SAIGON AREA. HE IS A BUDDHIST. DINH REPORTEDLY RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE FROM HANOI UNIVERSITY IN 1933 AND WAS WITH THE VIET MINH IN 1945 AND 1946.

8. DINH OCCUPIED POSITIONS AT THE LEVEL OF DIRECTOR IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY IN 1949 TO 1952, REPORTEDLY AS GVN DIRECTOR OF THE US AID PROGRAM. HE WAS REPORTEDLY PROVINCE CHIEF OF TAY NINH IN 1953, VINH LONG IN 1954, AND BIEN HOA IN 1955. HE WAS DEPUTY PREFECT OF SAIGON FROM 1956 TO 1965, AND NOW RUNS A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN SAIGON. DINH IS A MAN OF RELATIVELY MODEST MEANS, HAS A REPUTATION FOR HONESTY, AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY.

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